



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

18 & 19 MARCH 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Joseph Hieu Xuan Nguyen CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

Deacon George B.P. Meat

MASS TIMES

- ♦ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ♦ **Saturday:** 6:00pm
7.30pm Vietnamese
- ♦ **Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am,
6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

- 1st & 2nd Sun. Sudanese Mass 3pm
- 3rd Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4th Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

Happy Feast Day!



Sending warm greetings for a day full of celebration to the St Joseph Maltese Association on their Feast Day. Mass

will be this Sunday, 19/3/2023 at 3pm here at Holy Eucharist Church followed by more celebrations in the Holy Eucharist Hall.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

STATION OF THE CROSS

During this Lenten Season we have Stations of the Cross every **Fridays at 8.30am** in the Church until the 31st March 2023. This will replace Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the time of Lent.

* Individual Confession

- ♦ Tuesday-Friday 9.30am

* Communal Reconciliation

English

- ♦ Wednesday 22nd March 7.00pm
- ♦ Wednesday 29th March 7.00pm

Vietnamese

- ♦ Thursday 23rd March 7.00pm
- ♦ Thursday 30th March 7.00pm

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH YOUTH

"HELP PEOPLE IN NEED"

Dear Parishioners,

This year, our Youth will run a Project to help people in need during winter time. We invite you to be apart of our Project. We kindly ask you to donate some **GOOD USED** and **NEW** items: such as gloves, socks, scarf, toothbrush, toothpaste, food vouchers.

We have the Donation Box displayed in the Church Foyer or you can simply contact Tammy on 0415 599 413 for more details. Our collection will close on Palm Sunday 2nd April.

Thank you for your generosity and contribution. Have a faithful Lent Season.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY:** Come join the Multicultural Day with the Celebration of the Eucharist in multi languages at **10am Mass on the 26th March 2023**. We are many but we are ONE. All are welcome to stay for sausage sizzle after Mass.

♦ **MASS TIMES - Sunday Masses New Times** will commence **Sunday 26th March 2023** and are as follow:

English:

- ⇒ 8.45am
- ⇒ 10.00am
- ⇒ 6.00pm

Vietnamese:

- ⇒ 12.30pm

Healing Night - Fifth Week of Lent
Monday 27 March



Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Alliance of The Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary is visiting Australia from Cebu in the Philippines where he is well known for his preaching and healing ministry.

Fr Justin will preach and lead a special evening that includes the Anointing of the Sick
Holy Eucharist Church
Oleander Drive St Albans
Monday 27th March
6.30 pm

Tea, Coffee, and light refreshments will be available after the session.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

David is anointed by Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Anything exposed by the light will turn into light

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the

futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Last week, we journeyed with the woman of Samaria from bewilderment to deep insight into Jesus' identity and mission and to a strong personal faith commitment. This week, we are invited on a faith journey with a man born blind and with the varying groups of participants in the drama. All have the opportunity of coming to faith. Ironically, the blind come to see, both physically and spiritually, while those who are gifted with physical sight remain in spiritual darkness. In healing the man born blind, Jesus performs the sixth of eight powerful actions or "signs" in John's gospel that reveal God's power at work in Jesus and in the lives of those who seek life. The

“signs” invite the reader/hearer/viewer to accept Jesus and his revelation of God and God’s purposes. Time features significantly in the story. Jesus heals the blind beggar on the Sabbath. The Jerusalem authorities have already raised objections about Jesus’ Sabbath healing activity (John 5). Once again, they object that he is failing to observe the Sabbath. They label him a sinner. Ironically, in the final authoritative analysis, it is they who “remain in their sins”. This story reminds us of the need to check our assumptions and, if necessary, to revise our thinking and action. It also reminds us to accept the fact that we can be wrong about things we have always believed. It invites us to be open to seeing differently or from a new perspective. Jesus’ disciples, the parents of the man born blind, his neighbours, the religious authorities all operate out of unchecked assumptions. They mostly come to the wrong conclusions. Only those willing to admit that they have it wrong have any chance of coming to faith. In the present global political climate, admitting that one “got it wrong” seems to be anathema. And yet, from a gospel perspective, it is a sign of real strength. In the common estimation, the man was blind, so he or his parents must have sinned. Not so, according to Jesus. From the perspective of the authorities, Jesus heals on the Sabbath and is therefore a sinner. Not so, from Jesus’ point of view. The man was born blind and so needs others to speak for him. Not so, say his parents, he can speak for himself. He does speak for himself and quite eloquently, to the chagrin of the religious authorities. He presents them with the truth about Jesus but they refuse to accept the word of an outcast. Their reaction is violent: they drive him out. But Jesus goes in search of him and leads him to yet deeper levels of faith and understanding. You may like to read the story once more and put yourself in the place of the different characters. It seems to me that there is a little bit of each character in every one of us.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

GOD MOMENTS IN EVERYDAY LIFE



Every day on my way to work, I drive by this little memorial on the side of the road. There is a cross, a bench and a sign with a person’s name on it (which I can never read).

Sometimes I see a man grieving for a loved one who lost their life, presumably somewhere near this spot. I think and I pray. This is my God moment, my reflection, my prayer on my way to work.

We can find many God moments in our daily life. The dominance of secularism in the crusade for “political correctness” and the push “not to offend someone” has made any sign or symbol of religious affiliation seem like a heretical act. Whilst

we might debate and complain about the way society is, I think God is beyond that and communicates with us in different ways if we have eyes to see it, if we give permission, give time to God to show us.

Let me explain.

In the Old Testament, God found ways to communicate to the Israelites. God “spoke” to Moses using the burning bush (Exodus 3:4). God “spoke” to Elijah, not in the fire or the earthquake but in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:12). In Luke’s Gospel, after Jesus’ crucifixion, on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appeared to two disciples and talked to them but the disciples did not recognise him. It was only after Jesus broke bread with them and then disappeared did they realise, *reflect*, that it was Jesus who was with them (Luke 24:13-32).

There are many examples in the Old and New Testament which showed how God communicated with his people in different ways. If you think that the Bible was the end of how God communicates with us, can I suggest you have another look?

Just because our society is secular, it does not mean that *we* have to be secular too. My example of the God moment in the memorial on the side of the road is an obvious one. However, there are less obvious ones. This could be a word someone says to you that you say, *in reflection*, ah-ha... that was a God moment. Maybe was something you witnessed – a random act of kindness, a shop assistant, nurse or parent trying to help someone, a scene from nature, a sunrise, a sunset. It could be less pleasant instances, an argument between persons, a road accident, a death of someone you hear about in the news.

I suggest you might spend some time at the end of the day (it could be a moment or two or perhaps something a bit longer), meditating on that moment. Try to meditate using your heart and reflect. From meditation, try to feel the consoling and loving presence of God, then perhaps ask yourself some questions:

Where is God in this?

How does this make me feel?

Is there love, forgiveness, resurrection here?

Is there holiness or evilness in this?

What is God saying to me here?

This reflection deepens our relationship, our intimacy, our *holiness* in and with Christ and helps us to be more like Christ.

In time, you start to see, *in the silence*, God communicating with us in the here and now, in everyday life, like in the Old and New Testament.

If we become attentive to recognising those God moments, you may start to see that the world is lovingly Christian. The world is not devoid of Christian symbols, nor devoid of God. The world is overflowing with God moments where God is loving us and teaching us. The world is not mono-dimensional and secular and our spirit, our relationship with Christ, are richer for it.

This is a simple and powerful way to see God moments in everyday life. The season of Lent can be a good way

to start this as a form of prayer. In time, you might find it easy enough to do it, from time to time, throughout the liturgical year. Have a blessed Lent.

By Zara Tai OCV

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely **Thank You** for your continued support to the Parish.



The contributions made by parishioners allows the parish to function on a day to day basis. Please collect your box of envelopes from the Church Foyer; they are sorted in alphabetical order by your street address. If you wish to use Bank Transfer/Online Banking and stop receiving envelopes or you are wanting to receive a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office during office hours 9am–4pm Tuesday to Friday. Thank you.

THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY OF MELBOURNE.

We invite you to join Online Lenten Retreat.
Encountering Jesus of Nazareth.
Reflections based on the Book of Pope Benedict XVII Jesus of Nazareth.

**Every Tuesday, 07, 14 & 21
March 2023 #7.00pm-9.00pm
(AEDT)**

For details: Fr. Asis 0404261228.
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Zoom Mtg ID: 894 0843 7791
Passcode: nazarean

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 22nd March 2023
- Group 7 - South Sudanese
Community - Peter Adiang &
David

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 21-03-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 22-03-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thur 9:00 AM, 23-03-23

Readers Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic

Fri: 9:00 AM, 24-03-23

Reader: Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 25-03-23

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Wendy Forbes-Perera
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu
Carmen Camilleri
Reno Attard

New Mass Times Commence Today

Sun 8.45AM, 26-03-23

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Salve Nidea
Readers: Mini Eddy
Wilma Marmur
Eucharistic Min: Helen Maddela
Shirley Krizmanic
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 26-03-23

Lit. Coordinator: Fr. Lovin
Commentator: Rita Martin
Reader: Br. Noel Debono
Angeline Veigas
Eucharistic Min. Br. Anthony Gatt

Sun 6.00PM, 26-03-23

Lit. Coordinator Rod Lalunio
Commentator HE Youth
Reader HE Youth
HE Youth
Eucharistic Min. Larnie Mendoza
Xuan Duong
Rod Lalunio

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 25th March 2023

- * 6pm – St Francis Choir
- * **Sunday 26th March 2023**
- * 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- * 10.00am – Parish Choirs
- * 6pm - Parish Youth

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Nguyen Thi San, Diana Moules,
Magen Hallorina, James Floros,
Pam Norris, Alfred & Pauline
Storace, Arnord Fernandez, Toni
Antonowicz, Anna, Maria Kim,
Yulette Tanner, Jessie Spiteri,
Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Lily Caduaan, Sahil

Anniversaries

Ellawala family, Cornelio Maddela,
Joseph Formosa, Grazio (Horace)
Camilleri, Joseph & Franc Xiberas,
Reno Cauchi, Mac-co Ngo Van
Thinh, Lucia Huynh Thi Kim Hue,
Phero Ngo Minh Truong, Maria
Huynh Thi Thanh Kieu, Phero Le
Nghia, Matta Le Thi Linh, Phero
Le Quang Tuan, Theresa Nguyen
Ngoc Giang Thu, Dominico Le
Ngoc Son, Mary Camilleri, Richard
Curmi, Iro & Jessie Vella, Angela
Chircop, Peter Disco, Wayne Camilleri,
Bartolo family, Brincat &
Galea family, Maria Vu Thi Yeu
Thuong, Duong Family, Do Family,
Vincent Duong Kham Su, Michael
Alphonsus Schiller, Mollie Rice (Marie),
Raymond Abela and All Souls

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Holy Eucharist parish respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship.

VOCATION VIEW

If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

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